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DENTISTS AS MEN OF BUSINESS—No. 2.

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I propose in this paper to say something about the matter of recording the operations of the day, and of generally keeping track of what we do professionally.

I believe it is a practice with nearly all Dentists in the country and a few in the city not to make appointments, but to attend to patients as they come, "first come first served." Of course no first-class Dentist in cities can do this except in special cases, and so it is unnecessary to say anything to them. But from many years experience of the practice of country confreres, I am convinced that one of the principal reasons why their patients come into cities for dental services, is that they may be obliged to drive a long distance at home to their Dentist to find him pre-occupied, or so hurried that if he attends to them at all, he must do it in an unsatisfactory manner. I have been often told in my city office, that it takes less time to come to the city and run the chance of getting some Dentist to put off a city appointment, than to visit the country practitioner at home. Now it seems clear to prove that if country Dentists encourage their patients to make appointments by post or telegram, or otherwise it would be more satisfactory to all concerned. That country patients would be better attended to at home, providing the Dentist is qualified I feel sure, because not only has the country practi-